

MPP - 025 *by Alchemi*

The solutions to 12 clues are the names of noted authors, most of whom have something in common. You must identify the odd one out, whose distinguishing characteristic is spelt out in one of the vertical lines

Across

- 1 Author with weird ankle fur (8)
- 5 Writer with time to pad out long recipe (6)
- 10 Niggle starts about way to work 24/7 (7)
- 11 A group of words heard in riots (7)
- 12 Game fails to get underway on East German land (5)
- 13 It will cover church after religious text is found in pub (9)
- 14 Writer's request for composer to use different keys? (7)
- 16 Writer Brad tours Pyrenean city (7)
- 18 When the news used to be about Scottish sides getting over evidence of cold (7)

- 20 Old author begins with nice new books (7)
- 22 Bites neck, irritating author (9)
- 24 Author from Scottish island (5)
- 26 In the 80s, Jimmy Knapp did back keeping zero armour (7)
- 27 Applause for Athenian losing money on eggs (7)
- 28 Woman kneels, occasionally dropping bits of Middle Eastern bread (6)

- 29 North Leeds is badly affected by unemployment (8)

Down

- 1 Solemn ceremony gets honoree deputising for Queen in Madeira (7)
- 2 Headless fishes containing 50 bones (5)
- 3 Thinks tie is horrible but playful (9)
- 4 Discerning oriental agent gets home with moneybag in the end (7)
- 6 Reason friend nearly collapses (5)

- 7 Melted fat rare in contents of buffet car? (5,4)
- 8 Author's publisher in the end needs American market (7)
- 9 Norwegian author's highly-rated manuscript stolen by mediaeval warrior (6)
- 15 Old mathematician's assistant tempted one to get up in the middle of maths lesson (5,4)
- 17 I can't clue strange word for "drill" (9)
- 18 Guarantees playing, then takes action over resistance (7)

- 19 A sick American author (1'5)
- 20 Returning toward York, camels carrying author (7)
- 21 Instruction to stop slouching includes reasonable drinks (7)
- 23 Gently push golf in bare surroundings (5)
- 25 Australian author and chessplayer (5)

